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published), its attention to every facet of the campaign, its elaborate reference features (22 maps, 82 photographs, 2 detailed appendices, a 38-page bibliography, and a useful index), and its usually solid conclusions. It will doubtless stand for many years as the last word on this aspect of the Petersburg campaign.

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The Atlanta Papers, compiled by Sydney C. Kerksis, biographical sketches of the authors by Lee A. Wallace, Jr., indexed by Margie Riddle Bearss. Dayton, Ohio: Morningside Bookshop, 1980. pp. 907. Photographs, index, maps, supplementary reading. \$35.00.

This volume is a compilation of twenty-nine personal narratives by Federal participants in the campaign for Atlanta in 1864, plus an account of the action at Gilgal Church by Sydney C. Kerksis who compiled and edited the collection. Most of the papers originally appeared in publications of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, a veterans organization founded in 1865 which yet survives in Philadelphia. Others came from northern state historical societies and posts of the Grand Army of the Republic. Until this compilation and reprint by Morningside Bookshop these materials were rare and obscure.

Most general readers would probably care not at all if these papers remained rare and obscure. Scholars and Civil War "buffs," however, should much appreciate *The Atlanta Papers*. Only relatively recently have the western campaigns in the Civil War begun to receive a parity of scholarly attention with those in Virginia. And as Kerksis notes in his introduction, there still exists no full-scale, modern study of the campaign for Atlanta. These reminiscences provide some of the pieces for the larger mosaic. The authors range in rank from enlisted men to a major general. They treat topics as broad as grand strategy and as narrow as a single engagement. *The Atlanta Papers* is an interesting and valuable collection.

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The Milwaukee Road East: America's Resourceful Railroad, by Patrick C. Dorin. Seattle: Superior Publishing Co., 1978. pp. 175. \$14.95.

About once a year for the past decade or so another of Patrick Dorin's books on an American railroad, produced for Superior Publishing Co., appears on the market. Dorin, a school administrator in a small town

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